



Downstream Users of Chemicals Co-ordination group

## DUCC Press release - SCEDs – Specific Consumer Exposure Determinants

### DUCC and CONCAWE share their realistic assumptions for consumer exposure assessments

As announced on 25<sup>th</sup> April, DUCC and CONCAWE have published on their websites the guidance on Specific Exposure Consumer Determinants (SCEDs). The guidance document and factsheet are available under the DUCC website: <http://www.ducc.eu/Activities.aspx> and the CONCAWE website: <https://www.concaawe.eu/content/default.asp?PageID=882>.

SCEDs document typical conditions of use of consumer products, expressed in a form that can be fed into the commonly applied exposure assessment tools. They are intended to represent realistic assumptions for consumer exposure assessments.

The guidance document provides advice related to the use of SCEDs for consumer exposure assessment, be it by registrants in their chemical safety assessment (CSA) or by downstream users (in case they need to develop their own CSA) or for other REACH processes, for example during the evaluation process. It is also planned that the SCEDs will be available for automatic application in Chesar 2.3, the chemical safety assessment and reporting tool developed by ECHA.

The SCEDs concept was initiated in 2012. The activity has since been integrated into the ECHA "CSR/ES Roadmap", action 2.5. It has been presented and discussed during Exposure Network on Exposure Scenario (ENES) events. In October 2013, a workshop was organised with Member State authorities, ECHA and industry to explain what the concept of SCEDs, why they are being developed and how they can be used in a CSA under REACH. The workshop also aimed to collect feedback from the participants on the SCED approach and the first examples of SCED factsheets as presented.

There was general consensus that the concept provides the following benefits:

- It facilitates industry sector organisations to transparently document representative input information (e.g. consumer habits and practice) for the exposure assessment under REACH.
- At the same time it promotes harmonisation across sectors.
- In combination with the ECETOC *Targeted Risk Assessment* tool (TRA V 3.1) as incorporated in Chesar it enables an "automated" transfer of all relevant information from the SCED factsheet into the CSR (for the authorities) and the extended Safety Data Sheet (for producers of consumer products).

SCEDs have been developed by six sector organisations, the International Association for Soaps, Detergents and Maintenance Products (A.I.S.E.), the European Council of Paint, the Printing Ink and Artists' Colours Industry (CEPE), the oil companies' European association for environment, health and safety in refining and distribution (CONCAWE), the European Federation for Construction Chemicals (EFCC), the European Aerosol Federation (FEA) and the Association of the European Adhesive and Sealant Industry (FEICA) that use chemicals to formulate mixtures as finished products for end users, including consumers.

As the SCEDs task force outlines, SCEDs factsheets will be published on the involved associations' websites by the end of the year. Further to that, the SCEDs will become downloadable from the websites as CHESAR SCED files.

*"SCEDs will facilitate harmonisation and efficient communication through the supply chain regarding conditions of safe use of consumers' products."*



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## About DUCC

DUCC, the Downstream Users of Chemicals Co-ordination group, was founded in 2001 following the publication of the European Commission's White Paper: "Strategy for a Future Chemicals Policy". DUCC emanated from the desire to establish a group which would offer a platform for associations with similar goals and objectives to come together and create a unified and effective voice, exchange views, develop joint positions and co-ordinate with other interested parties, with the specific concern of the applicability of REACH and CLP for "downstream users" of chemicals.

Today, DUCC offers a platform for associations whose member companies use chemicals to formulate mixtures as finished products for end users, including consumers and professional users. DUCC represents a variety of associations in its membership. These European-based associations represent several important industry sectors ranging from cosmetics and detergents to aerosol, paints, inks, adhesives, imaging and printing chemicals, construction chemicals, fragrances and chemical distribution. Altogether, they comprise thousands of companies across the respective sectors in Europe. [www.ducc.eu](http://www.ducc.eu)

## About CONCAWE

CONCAWE was established in 1963 by a small group of leading oil companies to carry out research on environmental issues relevant to the oil industry. Its membership has broadened to include most oil companies operating in Europe. The scope of CONCAWE's activities has gradually expanded in line with the development of societal concerns over environmental, health and safety issues. These now cover areas such as fuels quality and emissions, air quality, water quality, soil contamination, waste, occupational health and safety, petroleum product stewardship and cross-country pipeline performance. CONCAWE can be contacted at +32 (0) 25 66 92 60 or at [info@concawe.org](mailto:info@concawe.org)

## About A.I.S.E.

A.I.S.E. is the official representative body for the cleaning and maintenance products industry in Europe. Its membership totals 29 national associations across Europe and beyond, covering about 900 companies. These range from small and medium-sized enterprises to large multinationals active both in the consumer goods market and the industrial & institutional (I&I) domains. A.I.S.E. industry activities are driven by The Agenda for Sustainable Cleaning. The core objective of the agenda is sustainable development. This agenda is supported by two pillars of activities: developing and promoting voluntary actions and cooperating with stakeholders at EU and local level to achieve a balanced and better regulatory framework.

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